(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to remove the disabilities to which the boat-owners are now subjected by the Canal Department and hear their grievances before introducing any new measures with a view to the exercise of better supervision and check?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government are not aware that the boat-owners have any disabilities now. Their grievances with regard to the provisions in the new rules have been heard and the rules suitably amended.

Grievances of Boat-Owners.

35. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Are the Government aware that there is much discontent among boat-owners as a result of the Government's approval of the suggestions of the "Redeemer" Committee, alleged to be intended for the safety and comfort of passengers?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 34.

"Falacia."

36. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it not a fact that in 1097 a boat belonging to Messrs. Darragh, Smail and Co., named "*Falacia*", struck a post, which was standing under water in the Kayankulam lake near Ayiramtengu?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The facts, as reported by the Chief Engineer, are as follow:—

The Division Officer, Quilon, forwarded to the Chief Engineer on the 1st August, 1922, a copy of the Kayankulam Canal Officer's report to the Sub-Division Officer, Quilon, stating that, while the Boat "*Falacia*" was plying in the Kayankulam lake on its journey from Quilon to Alleppey on the 29th July 1922, there was a big gale, and that, in consequence, the boat got out of control, with the result that it went off its track and dashed against a demarcation post on the eastern side of the route and the post gave way. Owing to the impact, the boat ran over the broken post and a hole was formed in the hull. Water poured in through the hole, but fortunately another boat, which was also bound for Alleppey, came to succour and took the passengers. There was no loss of life or property. The hole was temporarily patched up and the boat was removed to Aiyramtengu where it was repaired and taken on to Alleppey.

Grants to Boat-Owners.

37. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend giving any grant or compensation to boat-owners of long standing to make good

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly